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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that John L. Griffin, a/k/a "Puddin", DOB: 10/3/58, pleaded guilty today to one count of distributing cocaine base on September 10, 2004. Griffin faces a maximum penalty of 20 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and at least a three-year term of supervised release.

According to the government, Griffin sold approximately 6 grams of cocaine base on two occasions to a confidential government informant on September 10, 2004, in the Fourth Ward Park in the City of Janesville.

The case against Griffin was the result of an investigation conducted by the Janesville Police Department and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigations-Narcotics Bureau. Prosecution of this case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

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